

## Owosso Girls Win.

The Owosso high school girls basketball team defeated Flint at Flint, Saturday, 27 to 21 and having defeated all other teams will go to Pontiac, Friday, to play a game which, if they win will give them a right to claim the championship of the state. The boys were beaten at Flint, Saturday, 23 to 13.

## Entertain Grand High Priest.

Owosso Chapter, No. 88, R. A. M. will have the pleasure on Monday, the 15th inst., of entertaining William W. Watts, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., who will be accompanied by Judge Horace S. Maynard, Lecturer of the chapter. These gentlemen are visiting the local chapter officially and the occasion will mean for the organization something quite out of the ordinary. The meeting next Monday night will doubtless attract large numbers because of its importance.

## Wants \$5,000 Damages.

Mrs. Alfred DeFrenn has begun suit against Wilbur Pierce for \$5,000 damages, claiming slanderous statements were made by Pierce while testifying recently in the divorce case of Mrs. DeFrenn against her husband. Pierce stated that he had seen Mrs. DeFrenn and Kohlmeier riding in an automobile, the latter hugging the woman. Kohlmeier it is said can prove he was in Detroit on another day when Pierce claims to have seen them together.

DeFrenn has a suit pending against Kohlmeier for \$30,000 for alienation of his wife's affections.

## Spanish Concert Company.

The Choral Union, which has endeavored to furnish Owosso with a musical course composed of the finest outside talent this season, deserves the best of patronage for the third number, the Spanish Concert Co., which appears at the Congregational church next Tuesday evening. The company is composed of a cellist of unusual note, Senior Antonio Sala, a magnificent lyric soprano, a remarkable dramatic tenor and a solo pianist of splendid technique and expression. Tickets are 35 cents, or for children under 12 years 15 cents, and can be had at Camburn's and Palmer's drug stores and on the west side at Whitehead's.

The merit of the previous numbers ought to be sufficient advertisement of the quality of these concerts. Unless properly supported the Choral Union will be unable to continue its efforts to furnish another course.

## Two Courts at Corunna.

Judges E. R. Gilday of Monroe and S. S. Miner held court this week at the court house in Corunna, the extra judge being called to help clear up the calendar which has a number of chancery cases left because of the long time necessary for the trial of the cases against the Grand Trunk Railroad growing out of the fire at Perry.

Additional jurors were drawn as follows: Scott Shaft, Woodhull; Lewis Hall, Antrim; John Dale, Bennington; David Weller, Burns; John Beggin, Caledonia; George Harmon, Corunna, first ward; H. Eldridge, Corunna, second ward; Peter Serr, Corunna third ward; B. J. Fox, Fairfield; George Jacobs Jr., Hazelton; Lawrence Richards, Middlebury; Herbert Underwood, New Haven township; D. H. Cogswell, Owosso township; Charles F. Parker, Owosso, first ward and H. Slack, Owosso, second ward.

## Will Arbitrate.

At the time the American Malleables Co. decided to locate its plant in Owosso, the Improvement Association agreed to make the necessary arrangements to permit the construction of a railway sidetrack along Howard street to the plant and the committee in charge supposed at the time that everything was arranged to that end. Later on it developed that the tracks could not be built where first planned as the three railroads could not get to them to use the same jointly. Changing the route made it necessary to pass very closely to property owned by L. C. Hall who maintained that his property would be damaged and asked to be paid for the same. No agreement having been arrived at, Mr. Hall suggested arbitration and the Improvement Association voted Tuesday to become responsible for whatever sum, if any, which might be agreed upon by two arbitrators. The Association named O. L. Sprague and Mr. Hall appointed W. E. Hall. If they cannot agree a third man will be chosen by them to act.

The American Malleables Co. is very anxious to have the siding built at once and the Ann Arbor is already to begin the work as soon as an understanding is arrived at. The City Commission has given its permission to occupy the street providing the city is not involved.

## AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR

Dr. Mumford of M. A. C. and F. B. Williams of Allegan, to Talk on This Phase of Up-to-Date Farm Life.

At the luncheon of the Owosso Improvement Association on Tuesday noon next, Dr. Mumford of the Agricultural College, and F. H. Williams of Allegan, are to be guests of honor, the first on the invitation of the Association and the latter on that of the Bankers' Club of the county which is to meet in this city on that day. Dr. Mumford represents the U. S. Department of Agriculture as well as the Michigan Agricultural College and has in charge the work connected with the movement to secure agricultural advisors for the counties in Michigan which may wish to take advantage of the government offer of aid. The question as to whether Shiawassee county should get in line with the progressive counties throughout the country which have had the benefit to be derived from the advice and work of an agent has now been discussed for almost two years and the time has come when action must be taken or our opportunity delayed a year or possibly longer. At first many of our farmer friends were opposed to the expenditure of any county money for this purpose but as the results of the work are understood a decided change in their position is noted and at various gatherings during the past few weeks resolutions have been passed almost unanimously requesting the assignment of an agent to the county and asking the supervisors to make an appropriation therefor.

Mr. Williams, who is one of the leaders in this movement in Michigan and through whose influence the bankers of Allegan county financed the work for two years, will tell of the results brought about in his county and of the change of sentiment and the appreciation now felt for the work of Chas. B. Cook of this county, who has been so successful as the agent. Dr. Mumford will explain how Shiawassee can secure an agent, the expense, etc.

The supervisors of the county have been invited to be present. A limited number of people from outside the city can be accommodated and will be welcomed provided they notify Secretary Seegmiller not later than Monday morning.

## ALLEGAN'S FARM AGENT VALUABLE

His Work is Converting Strongest Opponent to County Farm Bureau

There is no doubt at all that the services of Charles B. Cook, county agent in Allegan county during the past two years, have been worth \$50,000 to the county as was recently stated in the Fruit Belt, published in Grand Rapids. The increased acreage in alfalfa and vetch amounts alone to that much. A western county recently estimated that the services of their county agent, doing the same as ours, was worth \$410,000. The worth of the agricultural activity in Allegan county during the past four years, as estimated in dollars by a very well-qualified Allegan man and a practical farmer is a sum so large that at first thought it seems impossible, but one's impression changes when actual results are shown. Why, some of the most obstinate opponents and critics of the county farm bureau are now becoming interested. They are actually doing a little work along suggested lines and like it. The farm bureau is surely coming to be appreciated. Mr. Cook always has been—Allegan Gazette.

County School Commissioner Burton S. Tefft and County Agriculturalist Earl P. Robinson will go to Blumfield in the near future to make arrangements for the experimental farming, which the Hill school of that township is planning to take up this year. This is the first school in the county and as far as known the second in the state to take up this work. The school has rented an orchard, and O. K. White, the pruning and spraying expert from the M. A. C., will be asked to instruct the pupils of the school in the proper methods of pruning and spraying their trees. The school will also rent about an acre of ground to be used for general agricultural purposes, the instruction in this line being given by County Agriculturalists—Saginaw Courier Herald.

## Given Second Sentence.

Ralph Donaho, 20 years of age, was sent to the Detroit house of correction by Judge Miner, Friday, for 60 days for forgery. This is the second sentence of the young man, having served 90 days last year. A similar case against the lad in Indiana has been settled by his father.

## Will Occupy Burke Store.

Nutson & Wright will move about April 1 from their present location to 115 East Main street, recently vacated by Grinnell Bros. The building is much larger than the present location and the firm needs more room.

## Twentieth Anniversary.

The Evening Argus celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the ownership of the paper by Geo. T. Campbell at a banquet tendered the present and former members of the force at the Y. W. C. A. Friday evening. The attendance numbered 65 including members of the families and carrier boys and friends. After a fine repast fourteen of those present gave interesting talks and several communications from former employees out of the city were read.

## Beers-Burkhart.

Miss Ruth Beers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Beers and Auburn Burkhart, both of Perry, were united in marriage Wednesday at 1 o'clock, by Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of the Methodist church, at the home of the bride. A large number of relatives were present among whom were Mrs. Frank Despond and daughters, Misses Ruth and Catherine Despond and Mrs. Celia Carmody, of this city.

## Shipperly Acquitted.

Arthur Shipperly of Niles, arrested last week on the charge of using indecent language in the presence of women, was acquitted by a jury in Justice Friege's court, Monday. Two Owosso girls were accused by a young man while walking on Main street at night, and Shipperly was arrested soon after near the M. C. depot and identified by the girls, but he denied being on Main street and the jury believed him. The fellow who accused the girls was given the worst of his attack on them and Shipperly showed no signs of an encounter.

## Co. H Inspected.

Capt. R. O. Ragdale of the United States Army inspected Co. H, M. N. G., of this city March 4 and found the company in excellent shape and gave high praise to the officers and men. There were 62 men in line with 66 men on the rolls, being the highest number of any company so far inspected. Major M. J. Phillips, inspector of small arms practice, and Lieut. H. A. Hume of the Medical Corps also reported and were examined as to their duties.

Nearly two hundred persons saw the inspection, including Capt. Harry Martin of Saginaw, former officers Capt. F. E. Evans and J. H. Steck, Lieut. S. M. Campbell and L. G. Heyer and Sergeant G. F. Lueckemann.

## Anniversary Trap Shoot.

The Owosso Gun club will hold a Fred Gilbert Twentieth anniversary trap shoot at the range near the plant of the Owosso Sugar company Wednesday, March 17. Mr. Gilbert, in honor of whom shoots will be held all over the United States, jumped from a mere unknown to the pinnacle of fame in the trap shooting world in Baltimore, Maryland, in October, 1895, in the first grand smokeless championship handicapped by the E. I. Du Pont Powder company.

A Fred Gilbert twentieth anniversary cup will be awarded high man in the shoot. On the face of this cup, which has been given the gun club by the Du Pont Powder company, is a likeness of Mr. Gilbert while on the reverse side is inscribed "Fred Gilbert Du Pont Twentieth Anniversary Celebration, 1895-1915."

Between 30 and 35 trapshooters will participate in the contest which will be conducted under the handicap system.

## Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's club which was held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. W. Southard, Ball street the following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Mae Harryman. Vice President—Mrs. Myra Walsh. Recording Secy.—Mrs. Minnie E. Holden. Corresponding Secy.—Mrs. Cora Watts. Treasurer—Mrs. Kate Kohler. Alternate—Mrs. Mae Harryman. Delegate to Federation—Mrs. Jennie Wiggins.

Interesting reports were read by the secretaries and treasurer and an address given by former President Mrs. Frank Greenman. Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed.

Members and friends of the Y. W. C. A. are invited to a "little girls' mid-winter picnic Monday evening, March 15. The picnicers will leave the Y. W. C. A. parlors for the woods at 7:30 p. m. to enjoy the fun. You must come dressed as a little girl. Bring a well filled lunch basket.

## Local News

Miss Adelia Ferguson is home from a visit with relatives at Romeo.

Dr. Gaylord Finch has purchased a Reo touring car.

M. and Mrs. A. A. Sutterby and Mr. and Mrs. George Charlton have returned from a stay of several weeks at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Supervisor C. J. Thomas, of Bennington township, has purchased a truck to use in connection with his farm work and the delivery of milk to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Leffingwell went to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday to attend a piano recital which will be given by the latter's sister, Miss Mildred Smith, who is well known in this city and who has been studying music in Chicago, Ill.

James Osburn, Jr., defeated W. J. Conklin, of Perry, in their second match game of 14-2 balk line billiards 200 to 177. The Perry man played a better game than in his first contest but could not defeat Mr. Osburn. Another game may be arranged to take place in Owosso next week.

All political parties cast 46 votes in Ovid township at the primary last week. Commenting upon the lack of interest, The Register-Union says: "This is just another illustration of the workings of the primary law—an expense of \$400 or \$500 to the county, with no better results than by the convention system which would not have cost the county a penny."

The supreme court of the United States has upheld the Michigan railroad commission in an order to compel the Michigan Central and Grand Trunk roads to make physical connection with the D. U. R. electric road for the exchange of freight. This will open the way for similar orders, including possibly telephone connection for long distance messages between the Bell and Independent companies in accordance with the Michigan law.

## Death of Charles Salisbury.

Charles Salisbury, son of Mrs. Eugene Robertson, died Wednesday evening at his mother's home on Pine street, as the result of hemorrhages of the lungs from which he had suffered for about three weeks. The funeral will be held from the home, Monday at 10 a. m. Revs. Hanks and Cansfield officiating. Burial will take place at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Salisbury was first stricken with hemorrhages in Great Falls, Mont., three weeks ago. He was in a hospital there until last week. At that time he gained sufficient strength to make the trip home. He arrived here Tuesday morning, and apparently had stood the trip well.

The deceased was born in Bennington township forty-two years ago. At the age of fourteen he came to Owosso with his parents, and attended the local schools. He later became interested in the theatrical business and for the past nine years had been manager for the Bostonia Opera Co. In that time he traveled all through the United States and Canada, and during the past year went to China with his company.

Mr. Salisbury is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Salisbury Robertson, and his father, J. F. Salisbury of Asheville, N. C. The latter will come here to attend the funeral.

## Middlebury-Societs

Mr. Leo Wilson was a Lansing visitor Thursday.—Mr. and Mrs. Claud Spiess spent Sunday evening at E. M. Putnam's.—Mr. and Mrs. Glospe, of Chicago, spent Tuesday evening at W. J. Brooks.—Mrs. Ernest Lealand and Mrs. H. L. Austin were callers at E. B. Putnam's, Tuesday.—Mr. George Putnam left Wednesday evening for New Jersey and will also visit in Cleveland, Ohio.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Putnam attended the "cheer up" club at the home of Geo. Hathaway, Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Seib arrived here Friday evening from Florida to attend the funeral of the former's mother.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Austin, of Laingsburg, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Slocom, E. W. Sanderson and J. R. Sanderson helped Mr. J. D. Sanderson celebrate his 92nd birthday at the home of Allen Sanderson Thursday.—Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Kaltrider entertained at dinner Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Slocom, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Casler, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Warren.—Mrs. Mary Seib died of apoplexy at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Willett. She was 71 years of age and leaves one sister, two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral was held at Middlebury church on Saturday afternoon. Interment in Middlebury cemetery.

## LANSING ELKS WELCOMED

Initiation, Banquet and Oratory Mark Big Event of Elk Year.

It has again been demonstrated that Owosso never does things on a small scale or in a manner which does not do credit to the city. For the second time within a week, the first being the "Booster banquet" of the Improvement Association on Thursday evening, and the latter the Elks' reception and banquet for their brothers from the Lansing lodge of Elks on Tuesday evening. Both events will long be remembered by participants and onlookers. The more than 200 Lansingites were given a rousing welcome as they reached the city at 7:40 p. m. via the M. U. T. and left the cars at the Washington bridge to march to the Temple. The streets were bright with red lights and a continuous display of various colored fireworks outdid anything ever before seen in the city. The procession for the Temple was headed by the Owosso band and Owosso lodge of Elks, followed by the Lansing band and the visitors and was three block long. Before reaching the Temple Owosso lodge formed in open ranks and the Lansing brothers passed into the commodious home of the order in this city and an hour was given over to visiting before the lodge session was opened and the work of initiating a class was commenced by the Lansing team. So many brothers were present that the capacity of the building was taxed to its utmost throughout the session and during the banquet and social hours following.

One of the events of the evening not scheduled on the program was the appearance of Paul Setterington, an eight year old Owosso lad, who followed the band into the lodge room and was induced by one of the visitors to take the chair of the exalted ruler before the session began. Being called upon for a speech the youngster rose with the dignity of an old-timer and said: "Gentlemen, I'm glad I'm here." The boy received a roar of applause and better still when his stocking cap was returned to him it contained something like \$20.00 and he was bidden to hasten home—a happy and surprised boy.

Following the work, the visitors were conducted to the banquet hall where the following delectable menu prepared by R. J. Beeher, was served by the Walters' Union. Souced cucumbers

Kalamazoo Grass  
Red Dishes California Bullets  
Prohibition Chicken, Fried  
Jewish Quarantine Roast  
Bum-on-the-Tear, Mashed  
Giblet Soup  
Hen Fruit on Beet Neutral Salad  
Caucasian and African Manna  
Ice Cream Cake

Self Binder Individual Java  
Choice Fruit  
At each plate was a small bottle of grape juice at 11 o'clock a "grape juice toast" was drunk to the absent brothers.

Following the banquet, James G. Rixley, exalted ruler of Owosso lodge introduced Charles Ellis, past exalted ruler, as toastmaster. Brother Jas. De Young, mayor of Owosso, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. James A. Wilson, exalted ruler of the Lansing lodge responded. The Malone company, now playing at the Family theatre entertained the gathering.

## "The Big Brother Movement"

Joseph H. Collins, of Corunna, past exalted ruler of Owosso lodge, responded to the toast "The Big Brother Movement." In part he said:

Briefly stated the big brother movement in the B. P. O. E. is that each Elk shall take it upon himself to play the part of a big brother to some poor or unfortunate little fellow. This work in the order was first mentioned when Grand Exalted Ruler Herrman in his annual report to the grand lodge session at Atlantic City in 1911 recommended that some action be taken by the grand lodge along this line. And afterwards at the grand lodge session in Rochester in 1913 its unqualified endorsement was given to the big brothers' movement and it adopted as one of the plans for putting in operation this work the plan of the Hammond, Ind., lodge, which provided that each subordinate lodge furnish to the judges of the juvenile court the names of all Elks who were willing to act as Big Brothers to unfortunate boys brought into such courts, and that the judge of the court instead of committing or paroling a boy to the custody of the probation officer, asks an Elk to look after him.

Under this plan the boy is not obliged to report to the court nor the probationary officer, but the report of the boy's progress is made by the

Big Brother, without the knowledge of the boy. In many places there are no juvenile courts, but it is not intended to confine this matter to boys who have been brought into court. There are many cases where boys should be assisted and the education and the general welfare of the boys looked after by the Big Brother, and the names of such boys may be found by inquiring of the teachers of the schools.

Following the endorsement of this plan by the grand lodge, Grand Exalted

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## Sues Insurance Company.

Corunna, March 10.—Norman F. Gite of Owosso has begun suit in the circuit court against the London Assurance Co. for \$2,000. Gite sets up that he had a house on Stinson street insured with the company for \$800. It burned down last June, and the company refused to pay its policy.

## Hill-Clark.

Miss Ethel Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, was united in marriage to Joseph E. Clark at the Congregational church parsonage on Tuesday evening. Rev. C. H. Hanks performed the ceremony which was witnessed by Miss Irene Clark, sister of the groom, and Miss Daphne Hill, the bride's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark are favorably known and popular among a wide circle of friends in this city. For the past year the bride has assisted in the Meinstein store. The groom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram O. Clark, is employed as brakeman by the Ann Arbor Railroad Co. Many friends extend congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Clark for future happiness.

## CITY SECURES VERDICT

Barber Asphalt Company Must Carry Out Agreement With Owosso.

Corunna, March 10.—The suit of the City of Owosso against the Barber Asphalt company, started in circuit court Tuesday morning, came to an abrupt ending Tuesday afternoon when Judge Gilday took the case from the jury and directed a verdict of \$1,842.54 for the plaintiff. This was substantially the amount sued for.

The case grew out of the laying of the West Main street pavement in 1903 by the Barber people. Shortly before work was constructed, the Warren Brothers' Paving company notified this city that the Barber people were infringing upon their patent by using the bituminous macadam which their contract called for. The Barber company, however, gave a bond to protect the city against any costs or damages which might result to the city from the use of this pavement. The pavement was laid, and later the Warren company sued the city of Owosso. The Barber people took up the defense of the case, and the city won in the United States circuit court in Detroit. An appeal to the United States Court of Appeals at Cincinnati, O., was taken and the city lost and was ordered to pay the damages and royalties that should have accrued to the Warren company to that concern. The amount was not fixed, although a judgment against the city was entered. There were no more developments in the case until in November 1913, when costs of \$1,420 were assessed against the city. The city brought the suit against the Barber Asphalt company under the bond given at the time the pavement was laid.

The Barber people fought the suit, claiming that a settlement had been reached with the city, after the city had secured a verdict of \$7,200 against the company in the federal court at Bay City, as the result of the pavement failing to stand up under wear.

Only one witness was sworn. He was City Assessor Sanderhoff of Owosso. The defense tried to introduce the agreement as evidence, but the court held that it was irrelevant. After the bond had been introduced, Judge Gilday directed the verdict.

Miss Nellie Turner has returned from a stay of several weeks with friends in Baneroff.

Rev. S. Porterfield has purchased a residence in the city and will come here from Davidson to reside.

At a meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs at the Y. W. C. A. rooms Wednesday afternoon, Secretary Seegmiller talked on civic improvements, advocating the planting of shrubs in the parkings at the intersections of streets, and that the city be given a thorough cleaning up as early as possible this spring during three or four days to be set apart as "clean up days." From the loads of rubbish already being drawn through the streets to the dump it looks as though this work had commenced in earnest.